

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Worthington's Magazine for December fully sustains the place it has won for itself in the world of letters during its short existence. In fact the present number, as becomes a Christmas edition, teems with good things from beginning to end. The leading article is from the pen of S. G. W. Benjamin, and is a brief history of the Life Saving Service of the United States, told with force and vigor. It is fully illustrated, many of the engravings being made from instantaneous photographs of crews while in active service, during the past summer. Mary A. Livermore begins a new serial story, entitled, "One of the Forty-niners," which promises to give a vivid picture of that wild period in the history of California, and proves a story of absorbing interest. John H. Whitson has an interesting article called "A Day with the Pueblos at Nambe," which gives a graphic description of Indian rural life and the manners and customs of the natives of New Mexico, their weird religious ceremonies, exciting sports, and strange dances. The article is illustrated by photographs taken specially for this story. The short stories and essays are as good as usual, which is high praise, and the new department which has been added for the coming year, will be a very valuable feature; it is called "In a Library Corner," and will be conducted by the well known essayist, Walter Blackburn Hart. Price \$2.50 per year; 25 cents a number. A. D. Worthington and Co., Hartford, Conn.

The Christmas number of McClure's Magazine is full of brightness, from cover to cover, containing mental pabulum suitable for all sorts and conditions of men and women, not to mention the children, who are well remembered by Professor Henry Drummond in "The Boys' Brigade," which is a sort of address to the boys and girls of America for Christmas. Professor Drummond won a place in the hearts of all boys by his booklets "First" and "Baxter's Innings." Perhaps the leading article is a very entertaining chat by Cannon Farrar, about his own life and work, his contemporaries Tennyson, Dean Stanley, Longfellow, Phillips Brooks, Macaulay, and other famous men. It is a most interesting sketch and illustrated with ten large drawings by Arthur Jules Goodman. Under the title of "Tennyson and His Friends" is a reproduction of half a dozen photographs taken by Mrs. Cameron, the intimate friend of Tennyson, and an amateur photographer whose work is acknowledged to be of the highest artistic quality. Mrs. Cameron photographed her friends including Tennyson, Lady Tennyson, Longfellow, Carlyle, Browning, Irving, Professor Jowett, and others which were published in a book of which only four hundred copies were printed, and it is from this book that the portraits in McClure's were selected. Mrs. Oliphant's new story of the unseen, entitled "A Visitor and His Opinions" which is a fitting companion piece for "A Little Pilgrim," also appears amongst the literary attractions of the December number. Conan Doyle contributes the last of his delightful series of detective stories, "The Hound of the Baskinshaws," which is a clever article, profusely illustrated. Octave Thanet contributes a Christmas bear story which is full of novelty, sweetness and humor, and many other attractions will go towards making up the perfect whole of most charming Christmas number.

Andrea Hofer, editor of the "Kindergarten Magazine" and "Child Garden," publishes some very excellent advice to parents on the subject of children's Christmas books and children's literature generally, expressing the true Kindergarten theory that nothing is too good for the children, and strongly advising their parents to get only the very best of Kindergarten books for the little ones.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich' new book, "Two Bites at a Cherry, and other Tales," comes in dainty cloth binding from the press of Houghton Mifflin & Co., and shows no deterioration on the part of the author of "The Stillwater Tragedy." It is printed on heavy cream colored paper, in the best of type, and contains seven short stories written in Mr. Aldrich's best vein. Perhaps one might be tempted to wish that the first two tales of the series had ended differently, but probably if they had, the book would never have been written. The tale which gives the book its title is the most remarkable of the collection, as showing the author at his best in the peculiarly vivid picture he draws, and in the happy ingenuity he displays in leading his reader up to a totally unexpected climax, but "For Bravery on the Field" shows what a master of pathos, as well as humor, Mr. Aldrich can be. "Her Dying Words" is a powerful story of the sea, and the other four stories are well worth perusal. Taken altogether this dainty little volume would be a very attractive Christmas gift for all lovers of Aldrich. Bound in cloth, \$1.25. For sale by J. & A. McMillan.

The Delineator for December is a Christmas number and possesses all the extra attractions looked for in a holiday edition. All the departments are very full and besides the usual fashion articles, home dress-making and fancy work department, there are valuable suggestions for home made holiday gifts, a most attractive Children's Christmas corner, containing some pretty Christmas sketches for little folks, the second series of M. C. Murray's valuable papers on Child Life, and many other good things impossible to mention in a limited space. For sale by George H. McKay, King street.

"A Japanese Interior" by Alice Mabel Bacon, author of "Japanese Girls and women," also from the press of Houghton Mifflin and Co., is not only a daintily bound, and beautifully printed holiday book, but one of the most interesting and graphic pictures of life in Japan that has been given to the world for some time. The author who was English teacher in one of the most conservative and aristocratic of Japanese

schools—the peerness school at Tokyo, which is under the management of the Imperial Household Department, and she had therefore unusual facilities for studying the home life and the manners and customs of the cultivated Japanese. The collection of letters which comprise the book were written by Miss Bacon, to her brothers and sisters in America, during the year she spent in Japan, and they show the author's happy faculty for presenting the everyday life of herself and her pupils in a manner which makes the book one of absorbing interest from first to last. Her descriptions of Christmas in Tokyo, of a Japanese new year's day, of the native *fetes*, and of the visit of the Empress to her school, are especially graphic and amusing. Few books of the kind contain so much information, and are at the same time so gracefully written, and so amusing. Cloth \$1.25.

The November number of "Onward and Upward" the organ of the Onward and Upward association of Edinburgh, which is edited by the Countess of Aberdeen, is one of the brightest numbers of that bright little magazine, which offers its readers such a varied bill of fare for the small sum of one penny. The principal article is a continuation of the World's Fair papers, which have been contributed from week to week by the editor, and possess all the interest of a personal narrative, besides being profusely illustrated not only with views of the buildings but also with sketches of different scenes at the Fair. "Royalties as Ready—and Unready—writers" by Hulda, Friederichs, draws the reader's attention to a recently published volume by W. J. Hardy, which is entitled The Handwritings of the Kings of England, and gives many extracts from the volume and fac-similes of the signatures of the kings and queens of past ages. "Moonlight on the Snow." "As is the Mother, so is the Child." "A Council of Wives and Mothers" and "The Household," together with the editorial matter, make up the contents of this helpful little volume.

"Wee Willie Winkie" which is the cheapest and one of the best magazines for small boys and girls published, is edited by Lady Marjorie Gordon, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, assisted by her mother. The young editor, who has been somewhat erroneously referred to as the youngest editor in the world, is but fifteen, and her little publication does infinite credit both to her head and heart. The price is but a halfpenny, and the November number is a good sample of the quaint little magazine. One of the principal features is the encouragement, by the offering of prizes to small boys and girls, to give their own ideas in their own language in a sort of prize competition, and the letters the little ones write are very amusing.

A Good Place For Presents. Christmas authors and Publishers have their umms of Progress to day. It is almost unnecessary to speak at length of their stock of goods. It is so varied, complete, and useful an assortment of all that so many people look for in the line of Christmas presents. A jewelry store is a model place after all to get things to please the people. One is sure to find there something that will please any of their friends, and it is not always an expensive something. A call on Messrs. Ferguson & Page will suggest many a gift that the reader would not think of otherwise.

Waiting For Good Ice. The proprietors or managers of the Victoria Skating Rink are already for the cold weather when it comes. Their preparations for the season's skating are very complete, and all that they need now is ice. The announcement of the season tickets with their prices, etc., is given in another column. After all it must be with considerable pleasure that patrons of the old Victoria find that it is to be opened again this winter, and many of them will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of again passing many pleasant hours there.

Good Furs For Cash. Furs for cash and the best of furs at that are what Messrs Manks and Co. tell the people they are selling. The assortment in this store is well known to almost every reader of Progress in the city, but to those in the country it may be stated that Messrs Manks and Co. make a specialty of the manufacture of furs; also that their stock of manufactured goods is most complete and attractive. The prices are right, and after all now-a-days that is one of the principal things.

Mr. Dykeman's Trade. The first dry goods store that meets the eye of one coming down King street now a days is that of Messrs F. A. Dykeman & Co., the windows of which always present a very attractive and creditable appearance. The nicest goods in the store are there showily arranged and give a fair index of the quality of the goods in the store. Mr. Dykeman has worked up a satisfactory trade, which is increasing daily.

Mr. Erb's Plan Again. As an inducement to those who want photographs taken during this month, Mr. Isaac Erb, the photographer on Charlotte street, says he will give away a picture frame with every dozen cabinet photos ordered. Mr. Erb has tried this plan before, and found it to work admirably well, his customers well satisfied, and his custom increased, and no doubt it will have the same effect this year.

Progress Clubbing List. A number of the best magazines and papers in the country have at various times asked Progress to make a combination clubbing figure with them, at which it would be possible for both papers to induce new subscribers. Progress started its clubbing list with the Cosmopolitan a few days ago, and from this date will add to the list until it includes the very best literature in the country.

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Proof Positive. At a well known public school where the use of the cane is allowed there is a regulation that it must not be lifted higher than the master's shoulder. Nevertheless, of one master it was constantly reported by the boys that he exceeded the prescribed height—an assertion he always as strongly denied. One day, however, a young rogue surreptitiously smuggled into the classroom a camera, and at the moment the cane was raised he took a snap shot, which exhibited the weapon of correction well above the master's head. The photograph was submitted to the head master, who this time, promptly acknowledging his subordinate to be in the wrong, severely rebuked him, and by way of dealing out justice impartially, gave to the young rogue, his accuser, two hundred lines to write out for bringing "playthings" into school.

Victoria's Munshi. As the Queen's Indian secretary, the Munshi Abdul Kaim is a personage of no small importance in this country. The Munshi has been taking a holiday in India, and recently returned to resume his duties at Osborne, where the Queen will reside as soon as she leaves Balmoral. By order of Her Majesty, the Munshi's progress from London to Frogmore was quite a State affair. The railway officials paid him every deference, and placed at his disposal an elegant car with drawn curtains. The Munshi travelled with his wife and daughter who in accordance with Oriental custom, were close veiled in a shroud of yellow stuff, so that the profane should not gaze upon their features.

A Cute Lunatic. Some time since a certain earl became not only so feeble in intellect, but also so utterly unmanageable that his relatives were forced to place him under considerable restraint, and he was speedily despatched to an asylum. Some members of the Diplomatic Service, happening to visit the institution, and being informed that it had no less distinguished a tenant than an earl, asked his lordship, in much surprise, how he had managed to find himself in such a place. "Indeed, gentleman," replied the lunatic, whose mind, like that of other idiots, occasionally gave forth somewhat the same manner that you get into the Diplomatic Corps—less by my own deserts than by the interest of my friends."

Prepared For Emergencies. A man of business at Melbourne, noted for his keenness in looking after trifles, arranged for a lease of nine hundred and ninety-nine years of some land he had taken. On hearing the terms and conditions of his proposed lease read, he suggested to the municipal solicitor that it would not add to the cost of the document to add, "with right to the renewal."

On the Safe Side. Wife: "What's the matter?" Husband: "Some one has been robbing the firm and I'm afraid I shall be suspected." Wife: "Impossible!" Husband: "Well, it's best to be on the safe side. Better not buy the new dress you've been worrying me about."

There Was a Chance. A Scotch gentleman of fortune, on his death-bed, asked the minister whether, if he left a large sum to the kirk, his salvation would be secured. The cautious minister responded: "I would not like to be positive, but it's well worth trying."

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Knew What She Wanted. —Mrs. Newlywed (to poultry dealer)—"I'll take this turkey, but I wish you would remove the bones." Dealer—"I beg pardon? You said—" Mrs. Newlywed—"I said remove the bones. I want a boned turkey or none at all."

Extremely Sociable. The following notice was posted up on a pleasure boat:—"The chairs in the cabin are for the ladies. Gentlemen are requested not to make use of them till the ladies are seated."

She Was Lucky. A clergyman was complimenting a pretty young lady in the presence of his wife. "It's lucky I did not meet Miss Hopkins before I married you, my dear." "Well, yes, it is extremely—for her," was the rejoinder.

A Society Hero. The following thrilling sentence is taken from a recently published society novel:—"For a whole quarter of an hour the young man gazed thoughtfully in the flame of the extinguished candle."

She Never Was. —The Brute (after an altercation)—"With all your faults I love you still." The Brutes' wife (sarcastically)—"Do you, indeed?" The Brute—"Yes; but you never are."

Sensitive. "What an interesting animal!" exclaimed Fwedly approaching the cage of the orang-outang. "I wondah, bah Jove, if I'm distantly related to him?" At this point Fwedly was interrupted by a scream from the caged simian, so full of anguish, horror and sudden, desperate and unmanageable rage, that the entire menagerie was thrown into a state of violent excitement, and the keeper hastily ushered the young man into the compartment where mummies and stuffed snakes were exhibited.

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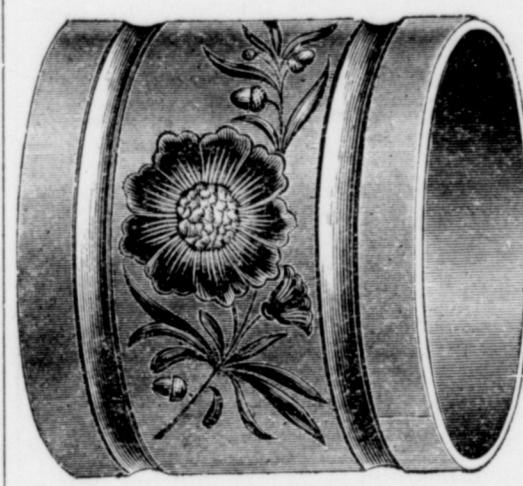
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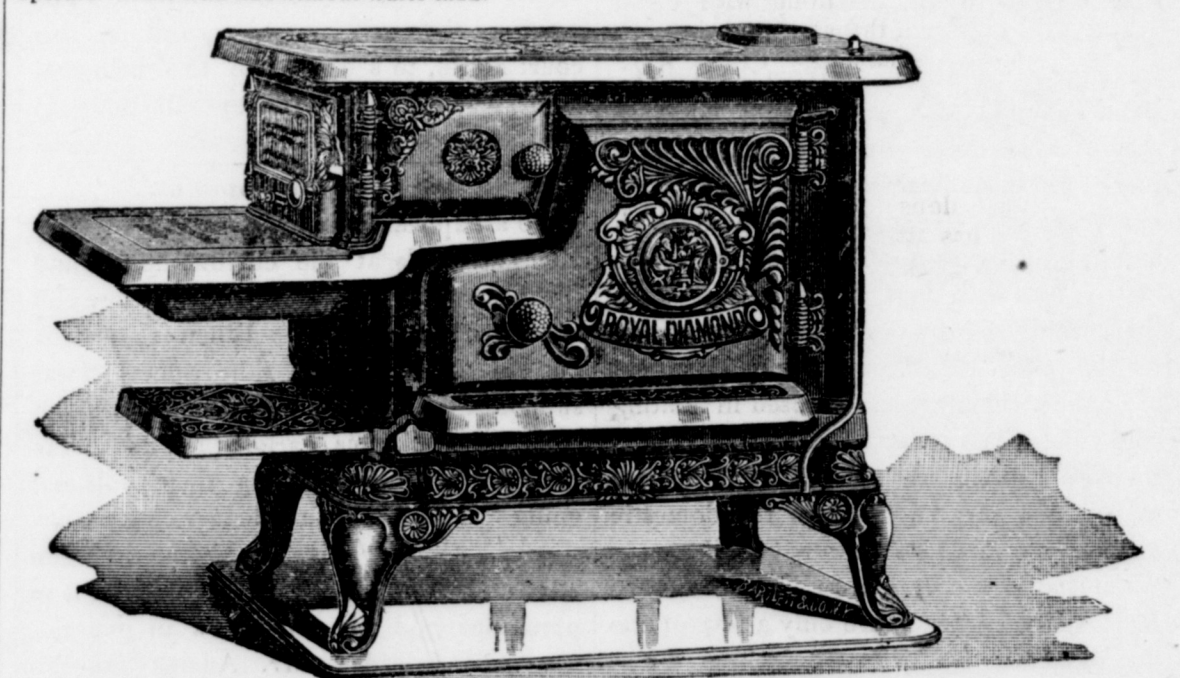


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